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# news release

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## 15th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, TEXAS AWARDED \$852,276 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.---Congressman Kika de la Garza has been informed today of the award by the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program of \$852,276 in FY 1991 Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding to the 15th District of Texas.

Jurisdictions in the District receiving funds under the program include the Counties of Hidalgo, Jim Wells, San Patricio and Starr.

In addition to funds designated for specific counties, the Texas State Set-Aside Committee is to receive an \$893,653 allocation to be distributed to additional jurisdictions chosen by the committee.

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board, chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), is composed of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Council of Jewish Federations, National Council of Churches, Salvation Army, and the United Way of America.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program, in existence since 1983 and authorized under the Stewart B McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, has distributed more than \$875 million in supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens, food banks, and to rent, mortgage and utility programs nationwide. The program has accounted for hundreds of millions of meals and nights of shelter to those individuals most in need of such help.

In the 15th District funds are administered by local boards which make the key funding decisions and monitor the board composition.

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